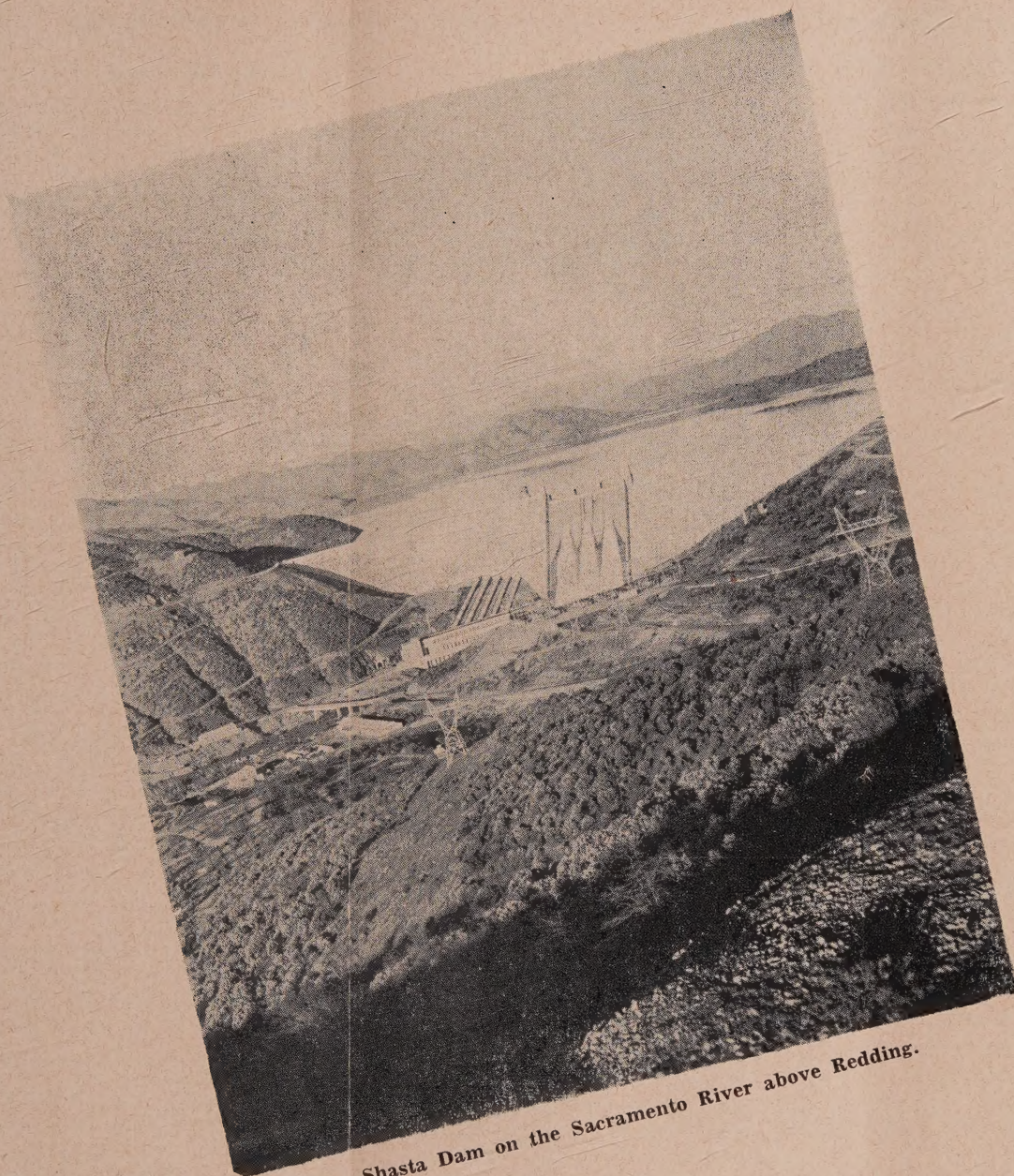


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## The High Cost of Indifference

A woman in New York City broke into newsprint all over the country recently, because she had been ignoring traffic tickets accumulating over a long period of time. Faced with a fine of \$2950 or 118 days in jail, she chose the fine, and paid a big price for her indifference to the 59 parking tickets traffic officers had dutifully tucked under the windshield wiper of her car. What the lady was thinking of we don't know, but it is very likely that what she thinks now is quite different from the ideas she had prior to her experience in court.

Some people just won't believe what they are told or learn by what others experience. Jesus said some would be like that. He said that father Abraham denied the rich man's petition for Lazarus to be returned to tell his brethren, for if they would not believe Moses and the prophets "*neither would they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.*"—Luke 16:31. The Bible says "*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" Ezek. 18:4, 20. Many people do not believe that, nor that "*All have sinned, and come short of the glory of god.*"—Rom 3:23. Nor will they be warned by the instruction: "*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*"—Heb. 9:27. Not believing, they go blindly on, accumulating tickets in the traffic lanes of life. Let others fear the threat; perhaps the rules are only for the fearful. But some day comes the reckoning, just as the "ticket" says.

Some gather tickets for carelessness, wasting the time of which their lives are made. It is recognized that what one calls waste, another values. This is not the place to discuss the worth of recreation, but recreation is not recreation when, because it is taken in overdoses, it cheats a man from making the most of his talents and his opportunities.

Too many of us collect parking tickets along the way—stopping when we should be moving; the whistle of circumstance having blown, and we have lost an opportunity to say a word or do a service in the name of Christ. Some of us have overparked along the highway of holiness, not making spiritual advance. If we have not gained in fellow feeling and understanding of another who suffers in affliction or in trial, if we have not improved in Christian conduct or grown in Christian character, we are overparked. If we find that we have some tickets that will demand an accounting to the great Judge of Life, recognizing them and settling them before the court of God in repentance and consecration, we can avoid the penalty that falls on the careless and delinquent. "*Every one of us shall give account of*

## What a Difference Viewpoint Makes!

## The One Side

It's such a waste of time to cook,  
I'm just a walking cookery book,  
I make and bake the morning through  
The favourite pies and pudding, too.  
And then, in half an hour, or less  
My toil has gone to nothingness.  
It's waste of time to dust the stairs,  
To clean the brass, and polish chairs,  
To sweep, and pick up bits of fluff,  
For nothing's ever clean enough.  
Five minutes after I have done  
Someone is sure to romp and run,  
Kick out the stair-rods, flick the mats,  
And slam the doors and scare the cats.  
Some sticky hand is sure to press  
The brasses from their sprightliness.  
I tidy up, and do the dusting,  
But all the while, my wings are rusting.  
Then, washing day, it seems to me  
Is just a waste of energy.  
What use to stand before a tub  
And soak and rinse, and blue and rub?  
Next week the self-same garment's stain  
Will come into my hands again.  
It's such a waste of time to mend,  
One has no sooner reached the end  
Of last week's pile, then—need you ask it?  
This week's fills up the mending basket.  
The stockings which were hale and hearty  
Return from each picnicking party  
Weak and worn and wanly show  
Great gaping holes in heel and toe,  
While buttons have a cantankerous way  
Of disappearing every day.  
Sponging off the spots and ironing creases  
Between it all I'm worn to pieces.  
Woman, from cradle to grave  
Is nothing but a galley slave.

—Author Unknown

himself to God."—Rom. 14:12.

The Apostle Paul determined that he would not remain in the same place, saying, "*This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*"—Phil. 3:13-14.

—M. M.

Whatever God wants us to do He will help us to do.

Have you taken your place in God's presence, not as a stranger, but as a son?

## TO LIGHT A CANDLE

If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong;

If melody I have, I owe the world a song.

If I stand when all around my post are falling,

If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling,

And if my torch can light the dark of any night,

Then I must pay the debt I owe with giving light.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

## The Other Side

I've done an angel's work today!  
Yes, such an honor came my way.  
Real angel's work! And, lest you doubt  
I'm going to tell you all about it.  
Well, first, I cooked. It was so nice  
To plan the pies, stewed fruit, and rice  
God sent His angel once to make  
Cakes for a poor wayfarer's sake.  
But, just today He honored me,  
And sent the task my way, you see.  
Then, while I tidied up the place,  
Gave every knob a radiant face,  
Back of my mind this thought would lurk  
That I was still at angel's work.  
Putting away coats and dresses,  
And moving small unsightlinesses.  
For, oh! 'tis such a lovesome thing,  
Just straightening out, and freshening.  
And after that I washed a few  
Small woolly garments, old, not new,  
Things I had rubbed and rinsed before  
Quite forty times, or even more.  
And as I hung them on the line  
I thought what God-like work was mine  
To cleanse—ah, me!—to wash out stains  
Till not a single speck remains.  
So, later in the day 'twas sweet  
To sit and rest my tired feet  
Mending the clothes, and plan out, too,  
How to make old things into new.  
For surely 'tis an angel's way  
To put things right from day to day,  
To find thin places, and repair  
The glad rags and the sturdy wear.  
Since wear and tear must surely be  
On this side of Eternity,  
I'm feeling very proud to say  
I've done an angel's work today!

—Author Unknown

Faith is belief plus trust and confidence. Strengthen your faith by testing it and by asserting it.

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# The Cares of This World

By Harry C. Warwick

For the purpose of illustration I might liken man's body to an automobile. What is so evident is the body with all its beauty and style; but it merely houses the inner mechanism, with motor, electrical system, fuel system, etc. Their precise functioning are of utmost importance.

Our living at best is beset with many difficulties. There are countless life situations that confront us. In many of these we can readily make up our minds, or we can solve them sooner or later. There are many disturbing elements that challenge us. One by one we settle these things, and we have peace and rest. Soon new situations arise only to be met in the same way. This is a normal situation. But then may come the situation in life that defies us. We struggle and strive within ourselves, but there comes no seeming solution. No one can live happily who carries water on both shoulders, who cannot say "yes" and cannot say "no." Inwardly there is a state of turmoil. Our makeup has important bearing too, some are happy-go-lucky, and others have the opposite frame of mind. Personalities differ. We cannot serve two masters; we must choose whom we shall serve, but certainly not both.

This chronic state of turmoil within affects the function of the body. These chronic fears, guilt, anxiety, etc., stimulate the adrenal gland (our bodies are so made). This gland secretion, adrenalin, in turn stimulates others e. g. thyroid, pituitary. In time the whole body can become affected through this glandular stimulation. And this is important, because it spells illness.

This area is certainly not fully known by the medical profession, for the effects can be very widely distributed. It is certainly well accepted that stomach ulcers result from this inner tension. I heard one penal psychiatrist say one day that seventy-five per cent of stomach ulcers are psychogenic. This chronic state results in a hyperacid condition which in time affects even the best stomach. A penal physician told me recently that in "many instances" asthma results, and that this tension is a "factor in" high blood pressure. The heart too is affected; this is very apparent to physicians today. The rate at which people live today is seriously affecting the nation's heart health. Bowel conditions are further affected and constipation is a common result. Then there is insomnia which is such a problem to many. Cold sweats

and jitters may be added. I am sure that an imposing and disturbing list could be made of related disorders.

Dr. John S. Bonnell writes of a wife whose sin was infidelity. She had a very devoted and trusting husband. The more her husband adored her the more guilty she felt. She traveled to Europe, where she sought the services of one doctor after another. None could find the cause of her illness. She visited the offices of American doctors too, but there was no help. Then she went to her minister. She confessed her sin and sank to her knees. Dr. Bonnell adds that she became well.

Only God knows how often and how much people are ill because of the strife and turmoil that is within man. Bacteria cause many of man's illnesses, but many are caused from within. There is an ever-increasing awareness of this on the part of the medical profession. At the root of many an illness lies the guilt of conscience which disturbs the whole body.

Then there is the common so-called nervous breakdown. Nervous breakdown is a misnomer. The nerve tissue is subject to infection as well as any other body tissue. The nerves can be injured, paralyzed, etc. But in the nervous breakdown there is no structural change. In time, I believe, the nerve tissue can be affected. Nervous breakdowns are caused by emotional conflicts (within). The nervous breakdown is not caused by overwork. Family and friends say this

unknowingly, but with good intention. The breakdown comes from inner struggle that is not solved. There are unsolved problems, frustrations, etc. Finally the individual gives up and is overwhelmed by a torrent sweeping everything before it. An apt illustration may be this; it is not the load nor the distance, but the friction of the box car; the hot box develops and the car is crippled. The car can and must operate with ample lubrication and ease. In the turmoil of life some operate with ease and this in spite of the load. Others are bested by their loads.

The minister has a wonderful opportunity and responsibility to minister to the needs of the people. These last decades have been filled with troubles for mankind over the world. Holocaustic wars and their aftermath have plunged countless men, women, and children into frightful troubles, and the prospect for the near future is not a happy one. A recent *New York Times* editorial on the latest explosion at Eniwetok concludes with this paragraph: "Man used to wonder why the stars shine. Now he knows. He even knows how to create a little ephemeral star on earth. But he does not yet know whether this star is to light the doom of all his culture, all his hopes, and all his civilization."

Through Christian ministry the people can be helped and be able to meet the stresses, strains, and loads that come upon them. The minister and the gospel of Jesus is the remedy for these forenamed ills. Think how pregnant is that verse of Matthew, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body."

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## Unto the Uttermost

J. Narver Gortner

On Easter Sunday it was my privilege to listen to a very forceful sermon on "The Living Christ," the text being, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell (hades) and of death" (Rev. 1:18). How glad we all are that we have a living Christ! Christianity is distinguished from all other religions in different ways, but its most distinguishing feature is the fact that its Founder, although He lived so many centuries ago, is alive today. The founders of all other religions have died, but He rose from the dead. In accordance with Old Testament prophecy and His own prediction before He went to the cross to die, "the Just for the unjust that He might bring us to God." And He has been alive ever since, and because He lives

we who are in Him live also. The fact that He is alive and is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," is the source of our encouragement and confidence as we come to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

One of the great texts of the Bible is Heb. 7:25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Here we learn that He not only lives, but He lives to make intercession for all who come unto God by Him; and also that He is able to save them to the uttermost.

It has frequently been said that our Lord saves from the uttermost to the uttermost. The average person who makes this statement does not know

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how forcibly this truth is set forth in the Greek Scriptures. The words in Hebrews 7:25 that are rendered "to the uttermost" are *eis to panteles*, and there is only one other place in our Greek Testament where these words are found, and in that other place we have a very graphic picture of human inability, utter inability, whereas in Hebrews 7:25 we have divine ability set forth in a forceful and assuring manner. It is uttermost" are *eis to panteles*, and there Greek words, *eis to panteles*, if literally rendered into English, would read, *into the every finish*. This would, of course, be a very awkward rendering, as every literal rendering almost always is. But the careful reader will see the significance of the words, despite the awkward combination.

The passage where these words are used to set forth human inability is Luke 13:11. Our Lord on a sabbath day was teaching in one of the synagogues, and among those present "was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself." The words rendered "in no wise" are these words, *eis to panteles*. The meaning is that she was unable "unto the uttermost" to lift herself up, and were we to use the literal rendering of the words, we would say that she was unable *into the every finish* to do anything to straighten herself; in other words, she was finished, utterly finished, so far as human power or human hope was concerned. She was beyond the help of human endeavor.

It has been said that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." How often it has happened that when all human effort has failed, and in the natural there has been no hope, the Lord has stepped into the picture, and has exercised His supernatural power, and a miracle has been wrought! Fortunately for this woman, our Lord was present on that occasion when she attended the synagogue service. He called her to Him, and He said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." And we read, "And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God." No wonder she glorified God! She was "a daughter of Abraham," and for eighteen long years she had been bound by the enemy, bent together, utterly unable to unbend her body; and in a moment deliverance had been wrought for her by the great Deliverer. How did she glorify God? Evidently by praising Him aloud for the deliverance wrought. One can well visualize the scene. The woman must have acted as we have seen some act in our day. Beside herself with joy, praising

God with a loud voice, she probably went up and down the aisles of the synagogue, her hands lifted heavenward, and in all probability many of the worshipers gathered around her and rejoiced with her. It was known by all that she had been afflicted for many years, and she had doubtless been an object of pity in the neighborhood.

Why had God permitted Satan to afflict this daughter of Abraham in this painful manner for so many years? Why had deliverance not come sooner? These questions bring up the problem of evil in the world. Volumes have been written concerning it. After we have read them, about all that we can say is that there is a mystery in connection with these afflictions that we cannot understand. Why has God permitted Satan to operate during all the years that have come and gone since the fall of our first parents? That God is mightier than is the devil, and that He could put an end to the enemy's activities by simply speaking the word we are sure. But for some wise reason He does not speak the word. He has told us what the ultimate outcome will be. The devil will be bound—he who has bound others will himself be bound—and will be confined for a thousand years in the abyss, or, bottomless pit, and later will be confined for a thousand years in the brimstone through the ages of the ages. It will be known some day why God has permitted the devil during all these centuries to operate in the earth. That God is being glorified at the present time in the victories that are being achieved over the forces of evil from time to time in the world there can be no doubt, and that He will be glorified at the time of the end and throughout the eternal ages through the ultimate victory we can be sure. In the meantime we can find comfort and encouragement in the fact that the situation is in His hands and that He is fully competent to deal with every phase of it and that He is even now dealing with it in the wisest possible manner.

The lesson that we are taught by the woman who was bent together, utterly unable to lift herself up, and who was delivered from the condition she was in by One who is mighty to save, is that when all human efforts fail, and in the natural there is no hope, the omnipotent One who is the living Lord, and whose ear is ever open unto the cry of those who are fully met, and will do for the sinful or the suffering what they cannot do for themselves and what others are not able to do for them. Our Lord indeed saves from the uttermost unto the uttermost.

Though sinful thou hast been and art,  
Though bound by sin thy soul may be,  
He who can cleanse the human heart  
Can break the chains and set thee free.  
All power has to Him been given,  
All power on this earth below,  
This world of sin, and all in heaven,  
Above this world of sin and woe.

No task He undertakes to do  
For Him, the living Christ, is hard;  
His promises we know are true,  
If from our hearts He is not barred;  
And only unbelief or sin  
Can keep Him out and keep us bound,—  
Come, captive, let the Saviour in,  
And move out on believing ground!

He came, and lived, and died for thee,  
He rose, and lived again, and lives;  
He makes the captive sinner free;  
He grace and strength and comfort gives  
Oh open wide to Him thine heart,  
And let His love and grace flow in,  
And let Him bid thy foes depart,  
And drive out every trace of sin.

He'll write thy name in heaven above,  
And give thee joy and rest and peace,  
And thou shalt know how perfect love  
Can cause distracting fears to cease.  
Though now by sin thy soul is bound,  
Thou shalt in freedom then rejoice,  
And with a heart both sane and sound,  
Shalt lift in praise to God thy voice.

—J. Narver Gortner.

## Mighty Self Surrender

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—Isaiah 30:15

Then there is a stillness that lets God work for us, and we hold our peace; the stillness that ceases from controversy, and self vindication, and expedients of wisdom and forethought, and lets God provide and answer the unkind word, and the cruel blow, in His own unfailing, faithful interposition by taking up our own cause and striking for our own defense!

There is no spectacle in all the Bible so sublime as the silent Saviour answering not a word to the men who were maligning Him, and whom He could have laid prostrate at His feet by one look of divine power, or one word of fiery rebuke. But He let them do their worst and He stood in the power of stillness—God's holy Lamb.

God give to us this silent power, this mighty self-surrender, this conquered spirit, which will make us "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Let our voice and our life speak like "the still small voice" of Horeb, and as the "sound of a gentle stillness."—A. B. Simpson

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The Lord gets His best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction.



# Missions

## Ninety Receive Baptism

(Ruth Couchman writes from Lima, Peru.)

While Peru went "all out" in one of its wildest Carnaval celebrations in years, February 16 and 17, some thousand Assemblies of God believers from the Lima area gathered each day at the Bible School for the annual *Retiro Espiritual* (spiritual retreat). The Word went forth under gracious anointing of the Holy Spirit, ministered by both missionaries and nationals. One hundred two were baptized in water in an impressive ceremony. This is only a part of the number to be baptized in 1953. And in special services held for those desiring to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, ninety were granted an overflowing portion. How we do praise God for Pentecostal blessing in Peru!

We are trying to fix up the girls' dormitory and at the same time give these future workers and pastors' wives a practical lesson in how to provide nice furnishings for the home at minimum cost. In a warehouse we found some large packing boxes which, with a little carpentry, paint and cretonne, can be converted into attractive dressers at a cost of about five dollars each. We have also found some rustic chairs which, when we have them painted and cushioned, will come to about three dollars a piece.

Thank you for your prayers in behalf of our securing a second gospel hall for Callao's 100,000 population. Though we have thus far not been able to find a hall, Brother and Sister Riva-deneyra, Bible School students, have started a Sunday school in a courtyard in a densely populated area. Doing house to house visitation while looking for a hall, they testified to and prayed for a woman with an arm which seemed to be paralyzed. She was immediately able to move the arm freely. Gratefully she told them they might have the use of the courtyard surrounded by rented rooms which she has in her charge. Around thirty children are attending the new little Sunday school.

From October through February the Lima Bible School students sold nearly 18,000 pieces of literature, which included Bibles, Testaments, Gospel portions, hymn books, and booklets and magazines. This bears out the fact that there is interest in Latin America for gospel literature.

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He is a better man who repents of his sin than he who justifies himself for having committed one.

## New Urge to Preach the Gospel

(The Paul Coopers in Costa Rica see their first holy days in Central America)

Our first Easter in Central America is history. It left us with mixed emotions, the strongest being greater determination to learn the language well so that we can tell these dear people that Jesus is alive.

Thursday about four in the afternoon we heard the most doleful music, and went to the corner to see a long, long procession. The girl who helps us explained that it was supposed to be one of the disciples looking for his Lord and unable to find Him, looking for Him to protect Him. Friday morning we saw the procession of Jesus carrying His cross. Costa Rica is different from some of the other countries in that it uses real people for some of the characters instead of all images. Mary Magdalene, the woman of Samaria, the angels, and several others were real people. The costumes were simply gorgeous—velvet and jewels. The angels were little children, earning *promesas* (promises) by being in the procession. If later on one should become sick she could claim healing because she earned it by being in the procession. One was scarcely two years old. During the afternoon process, she went to sleep, her little head wobbling from side to side. Earning her salvation! They were tied to a stick, with the angel costume over it so it didn't show. They stand on a platform carried by men.

The Mother of Jesus was an image with the heart on the outside and about six swords sticking into it, and the face drawn with terrible anguish. They carried the image of Jesus into one of the big churches and there, supposedly, undressed Him and hung Him on a cross. However, they lowered one image and raised another. There He hung till three o'clock, when they took the image down and put it into a glass coffin, ready for the funeral procession. They

took it down the street with incense pots swinging and with the music of a funeral dirge. All the people dressed in black, mourning, kneeling, crying, and moaning that Christ was dead. How we wanted to shout from the housetops that He is not dead—He is alive.

We returned to language school that morning with renewed vigor and determination.

## What Happens to a Missionary Dollar?

This question has been frequently asked. The accompanying diagram gives the answer, based on the total disbursements of the Foreign Missions Department during 1952. Some additional comment may be helpful.

(1) The 4.8 cents used for Missions Department overhead expense does not come from general missionary offerings. *Only amounts designated for office expense are used for this purpose.*

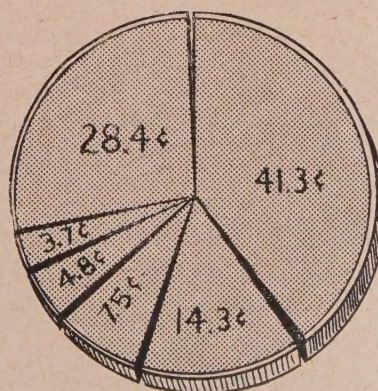
(2) The 14.3 cents spent for transportation includes not only fares to and from the field but traveling expense involved in carrying on the work on the field.

(3) The 28.4 cents labelled "Missions Work" covers a wide variety of items such as, Literature, Equipment, Mission Station operating expense including rent of Mission Buildings where necessary but not rent of missionary residents, operating expense of Bible Schools, orphanages, and other institutions, radio, etc.

(4) The 41.3 cents described as Missionary Allowances, is intended to cover the actual living expenses of the missionary. However, a number of our missionaries sacrifice in their own personal expenses and devote a considerable amount of their personal allowances to other needs of the work.

(5) The 7.5 cents labelled, "Buildings" was used for the purchase or construction of buildings on the foreign fields.

(6) The amount spent for the support of national workers is comparatively small because constant effort is made to establish the church on an indigenous basis so that national pastors are supported by their own congregations.



41.3 ¢ ----- Missionary allowances  
 28.4 ¢ -- Missions work  
 3.7 ¢ \_ National workers  
 7.5 ¢ ----- Buildings  
 14.3 ¢ --- Transportation  
 4.8 ¢ --- Departmental expense



# Let's Talk About Missions

By K. M. Haystead

At our most recent District Council meeting, the brethren took a remarkable step forward toward a new era in the development and expansion of our work here at home. This was the more remarkable because it was so spontaneous. From every section of our fellowship there was expressed the urgency of our need to rethink our home missionary problem, to redefine our objectives and purpose and to redesign our program to meet the challenge of this present moment. This was evidenced by the number of similar resolutions and suggestions submitted to the resolutions committee and the profitable discussion on the floor that resulted in the beginning of a new policy for home and foreign missions in Northern California and Nevada.

In its first meeting after the Council, our District presbytery felt that a new, vigorous program would of necessity demand so much time and effort that it would be unfair and unkind to expect any of our busy pastors—already heavily burdened—to assume the added obligation of either phase of this work. So they created a new office—without creating a new officer. With a simple “twist of the wrist” your Assistant Superintendent became Secretary of Missions as well. The magnitude of this new double-barreled responsibility has just begin to sink in. The challenge of these two important phases of our overall expansion program—home and foreign missions—is so tremendous that it has resulted in a deep sense of inadequacy and an honest recognition of need: first, for divine enablement, and then for continued understanding and co-operation of all the brethren of our fellowship.



K. M. Haystead

The weight of this new responsibility has made me to realize more clearly how deeply we are indebted to the sincere and self-sacrificing efforts of the two men who have shared this burden in the past: Pastor C. Ely Persing of Richmond and Pastor Leonard Palmer of Burlingame. Both are busy men who have willingly given of their time and effort, without any remuneration, to serve as chairman of the home missions committee and as District missionary secretary respectively. We are all sincerely appreciative of their faithful and good work in the interest of our fellowship, and I am personally indebted to them for the fine groundwork they have laid in their respective fields.

It was not their responsibility to establish policy, but rather to work in accordance with the principles outlined either by the District Council, the District presbytery, or General headquarters in Springfield. If there is any justifiable criticism of our past operation in these two fields, it cannot be leveled at these good men, but rather at ourselves for our own shortsightedness and our general apathy to a great challenge.

In thinking about missions, I cannot see how we can forget, even for a moment, that the evangelization of the world is the first and supreme objective of the church. This may have two phases—home and foreign—but it is one work. We cannot forget that “The field is the world.” To neglect one phase of the work or over-emphasize the other will ultimately prove detrimental. To ignore both wider aspects of our great world obligation and concentrate entirely upon our own little immediate task is suicidal.

If we are to increase our gospel witness continually to the still untold millions who are lost, we must also increase our home base. That does not mean only to enlarge the size and strength of our present congregations, but demands that we place unrelenting emphasis on a continued effort to expand and enlarge our work at home by building more and more new churches in the ever-growing areas that need our Pentecostal testimony.

In the next few weeks a new policy for both home and foreign missions will be designed. This will be done by committees called for that purpose, together with our District presbytery. It will then be my responsibility to augment and co-ordinate these policies and seek

to make them as effective as possible. For this task I solicit your prayer and co-operation. Through this monthly column, I shall try to keep you informed of all developments that affect our missionary work. Your suggestions, criticism, and items of interest will be more than welcomed. Let us pray and work together toward an ever-increasing emphasis on our great missionary task—both here at home and abroad—that it shall not only be District-wide, but that it shall inspire every single local assembly in our District to be a true missionary church in deed as well as in word. Incidentally, let us also endeavor to make this fine District a real leader in home and foreign missionary activity in our great movement.

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## District Membership Changes

(January 1 to April 12, 1953)

Transferred INTO the District:

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Delbert H. Burger (licensed) from So. Calif.

Herbert Chisum (ordained) from Arizona

Jack C. Colas (ordained) from New Mexico

A. L. Dean (ordained) from Texas

J. W. Erxleben (ordained) from Northwest

Francis Erxleben (Mrs. J. W.) (ordained) from Northwest

H. H. Gaddis (ordained) from So. Missouri

M. S. Gillock (Christian worker) from Northwest

E. G. Lawrence (ordained) from Oregon

E. L. Moon (licensed) from So. Calif.

C. L. Paasch, Sr. (ordained) from Oklahoma

J. W. Sandlin (ordained) from Oklahoma

Zona C. Sandlin (Mrs. J. W.) (ordained) from Oklahoma

Dorothy L. Van Patten (ordained) from Northwest

Earl L. Walpole (licensed) from Arkansas

Paul C. Wright (licensed) from Potomac

W. W. Whitcomb (ordained) from So. Calif.

Transfer OUT OF the District:

Wm. M. Alexander (licensed) to Oklahoma

T. A. Beavers (Christian worker) to So. Calif.



# The District Council

W. T. GASTON  
Superintendent

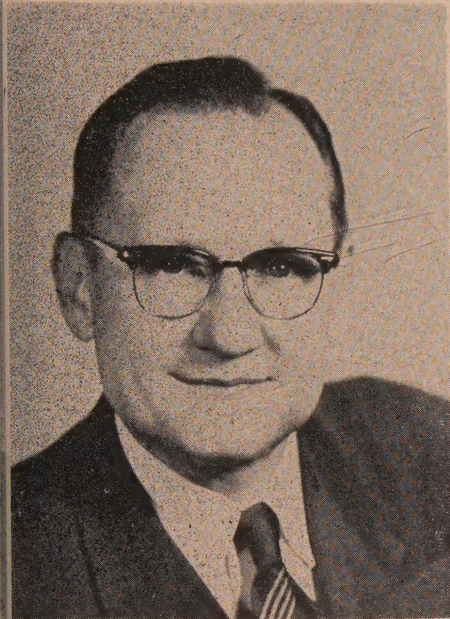
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J. L. GERHART, Secretary-Treasurer  
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K. M. HAYSTEAD  
Asst. Superintendent

## The New Secretary

## God Bless You

## The Retiring Secretary

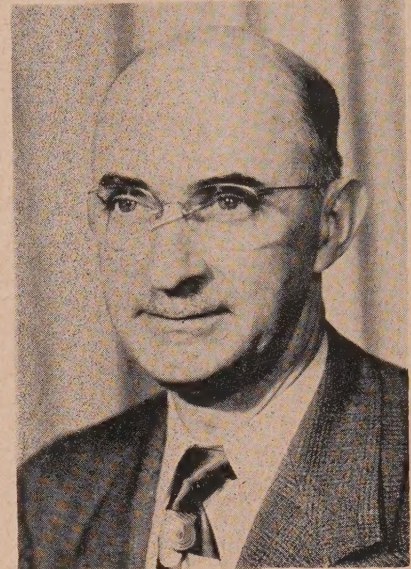


J. L. Gerhart

Not Goodbye, but God bless you—for the many years of wonderful fellowship, your understanding minds and hearts, the warmth of your spirits, and your many kindnesses.

The times of ministry among you will always be a cherished memory. These things mean more than money or position. It will be a joy to have a larger ministry than ever among you. Jesus shall always be exalted, the message of Pentecost shall be preached, and God's Word expounded as the Holy Spirit anoints.

It was not easy to make the decision to withdraw, but our heavenly Father watches over all and knows the way that we take. I commend Brother Gerhart to you and to your continued loyal co-operation.



R. J. Thurmond

It has been a joy to see the growth of the District during these past years from around 127 churches to over 280, to live through the development of two campgrounds, and to see the Glad Tidings Bible Institute become a part of our District program. My first connection with this school was in 1921. It has always had a warm place in my heart, and a happy privilege to have had some ministry in it each year for many years. Glad Tidings Bible Institute and the home missions program of our District have been of utmost interest to both Mrs. Thurmond and myself. And Mrs. Thurmond has had the pleasure of service as WMC president for 13 years.

God bless Brother Gaston, Brother Haystead and Brother Gerhart as they carry on as leaders in our beloved District. The happy association with Brother Gaston and with Sister Maddocks, who has served us so efficiently as our office secretary and Glad Tidings editor for the past eight years and a half, and with Brother Haystead for the two years he has been in the office, and all the General and District presbyters, and the faculty members and employees of the school and campground will not soon be forgotten.

May the Lord continue to put His smile of approval on every department of the District work. We covet a continued interest in your prayers that we shall always be found in the center of

Brother Thurmond was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 1936 to succeed Brother J. Paul Thommen, who became Superintendent. At that time he was pastor in Chico and had been presbyter of the North Sacramento section for five years. After the death of Brother Thommen in 1939, he became acting Superintendent for seven months, until the District Council, when Brother L. R. Keys was elected Superintendent. After serving about fifteen months, Brother Keys resigned to become the pastor of Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco, and Brother Thurmond was elected Superintendent. He, with Brother R. J. Renfroe as Secretary-Treasurer, served two and a half years when the District Council elected Brother Gaston as Superintendent and Brother Thurmond as Secretary-Treasurer again, which office he has filled to the present time—a total of sixteen years and eight months in official capacity. Though he chose not to serve again as Secretary-Treasurer, he continues to have a part in District matters, being elected as one of the General presbyters and appointed as chairman of the credentials committee.

the will of God. Again we say Thanks and God bless you.

—R. J. Thurmond and Mrs. Thurmond

Elmer T. Bueno (licensed) to So. Calif.  
W. A. Covington (licensed) to Texas  
Mario A. Di Nicola (ordained) to Italian Branch  
J. O. Epperson (licensed) to So. Calif.  
J. W. Hocker (ordained) to Oregon  
Martha Hocker (Mrs. J. W.) (licensed) to Oregon  
C. S. Holderman (ordained) to So. Calif.  
A. L. Lawson (licensed) to So. Calif.  
Carrie V. Lawson (Mrs. A. L.) (Christian worker) to So. Calif.  
Donald R. McKee (licensed) to North Dakota  
Marion Minogue (ordained) to North Dakota  
Ronald F. Nordstrom (licensed) to Illinois  
Ray B. Rosenquist (Christian worker) to So. Calif.  
John Tavares (licensed) to Hawaii  
Winona J. Tussey (licensed) to New York-New Jersey  
Virginia Underwood (Christian worker) to Latin American Branch  
Norman Van Patten (licensed) to Montana  
Joseph Wilderman (ordained) to Northwest  
F. A. Yadao (Christian worker) to Calif.



## Ambassadors in Uniform

S/Sgt. Robert F. Mahaffy, United States  
Air Force, Castle Air Force Base

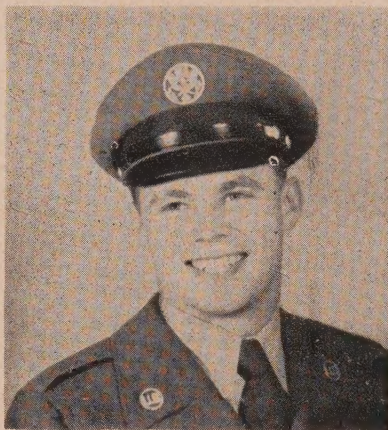
(1 Corinthians 16:13)

Christ's Ambassadors, we are living in an unsettled world looking into an uncertain future. Young men especially find themselves perplexed as they approach the best years of their lives and face the call to serve their country. We are just what Uncle Sam is looking for. We all feel a sense of responsibility to this call to service. As Christ's Ambassadors, however, we face a far greater and more serious call. It is that of our Lord Jesus Christ to fight the good fight of faith against the powers of sin and darkness. It is a challenge to serve our Lord and master in the army of the King. As we meet this challenge, Christ's Ambassadors, let us take the admonition of a great soldier of the cross who said, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Some would make it seem a very hard thing to serve God in uniform. Let me say that without the power and strength of God, it is a hard thing to serve God anywhere—on the job, in the community, your school, or even in your church at home. But thank God our service is not in our own strength, for the arm of the flesh is weak. Paul said, "When I am weak, then am I strong," for our Lord's strength is made perfect in weakness and it is "through Him who strengtheneth us" that we can do all things. Daniel served God in a lions' den, the three Hebrew children in a fiery furnace, Paul in a dungeon cell. Surely we can serve Him in uniform.

Fellows, you who fear it is an impossibility to live for God in the service, I am persuaded with Paul that we can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." I am not trying to say that you will not meet hard things in the service. We are Ambassadors for Christ. An Ambassador is a representative in a foreign land, among a people of different customs and ways of life. We, who are Christ's are of a glory world which is a kingdom all of its own. There is certainly no branch of the military service which is a glory world, but we can represent Christ there.

Before I said yes to Uncle Sam, I knelt beside my bed one night in earnest consecration and made a covenant with God. I promised that night that if He would give me grace and strength, I would trust and serve Him as I never



Bob Mahaffy

had before. I fear had I not made that consecration, I never would have been able to stand for Him through these years of service.

I have found there is a tremendous need for dependency upon God. How glad I am that early in my service career, I learned to look to Him. As I've met Him daily in prayer and meditation upon His word, I've found it pays big dividends. It wasn't easy, that first night, as I knelt there among thirty men who considered me somewhat peculiar for it, but I met God in a marvelous way that night. I've found since that there is where my strength comes from, through intercession with God. This is the power which has enabled me to stand.

Every day barracks life isn't the most pleasant. Godly ideals are looked down upon by many here. The pooling of filthy minds of men living together in barracks seem to make ideal breeding conditions for many a vice. The obnoxious barracks language and the bar room atmosphere aren't appealing and a Christian testimony isn't always kindly received, but, thank God, we can live one. A light can be best seen in a dark place.

Far from the comfort and security of home, away from friends whose encouragement we cherish and esteem, we find these conditions hard. Confronted with trials and problems, and uncertain of the future, many young men have grown cold in God. When a man fails to trust God in these times, he fails in the battle. The greatest temp-

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## Making the Most of Life

By Don Annas

North San Joaquin sectional chairman

God has given us a life filled with many privileges and with many opportunities. There is a little verse in the New Testament which reads: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. We need to know how to redeem every moment, and to make the best of every day as it is passing by. There are many observations taken from Proverbs 2 that I would like to consider.

1. The brevity of life. Verse 1 tells us, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." There are many Scriptures which suggest to us the shortness of life. One Scripture speaks of life as a vapor, "that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Another Scripture speaks of life as "the grass which today is, and tomorrow is cast in to the oven." Life may be compared to a passing cloud, which flits across the horizon above our heads, and then disappears. Job said, "My days are swifter than the weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope." If life is short we certainly need to take advantage of it as it passes.

2. The uncertainty of life. This is suggested to us in the latter part of verse, "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." When driving my automobile and approaching a curve on the road, I often wonder what will happen around the corner. There could be a landslide, possibly a wreck, or maybe a stalled car. Would I have time to stop or would I smash into the obstacle on the road. No man knows what



Don Annas





**C. A. INSTALLATION AT GRACE CHURCH** in Oakland, followed banquet. Standing, left to right: outgoing president, Earl Chamberlin, Patsy Nicolet, Fred Treiber, and Dorothy Harrell. Seated at center is Warren Harrell, the new president. At the right are Pastor and Mrs. Riley Kaufman of Newark, guest musicians and speaker. At the extreme left is Pastor Irving Ford.

morning may bring. He knows neither the sorrow nor the joys, the pain nor the pleasure, around the next corner. There may be accidents or diseases or what not. Surely our vision at best is short. The whole world sometimes wakes up to find itself suddenly thrust into war. The storm breaks unannounced. The earthquake comes unexpectedly.

3. Buying up the time. If life is short, we want to occupy while we may. We have no time to waste in idle lounging. In Paul's letter to the Romans we are reminded that the night is far spent and the day of the Lord's return is at hand. Therefore, pleads Paul: *"Cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and in drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."*

4. Men who put off their salvation are not wise. We can remember how Felix said, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee." Agrippa afterward said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Neither the one nor the other, so far as the records go, ever came to Christ. He who puts off salvation may never find time to be saved. It is written, *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!"*

5. Christians who delay service. There is another Scripture which reads,

## Young People Enjoy Special Service

Greetings from the Ambassadors of Grace Church.

This is a report of our installation service held January 31. The new officers were installed in a candle-light ceremony. The outgoing president, Earl Chamberlain, using a burnt-down candle, passed the fire on to the full-length candle of the new president, Warren Harrell, who in turn lighted the candle of each of the new officers: Patsy Nicolet, vice-president; Barbara Newton, secretary; Lorraine Treiber, treasurer.

We were privileged to have as guest for the evening our District president, Ray Lockwood, who installed our new officers and presented an appeal for renewed consecration. Also present were Pastor and Mrs. Riley Kaufman of Newark, our East Bay sectional chairman. They entertained the group with stirring musical numbers. Evangelist Lorne Case, the speaker for the evening, presented a challenge in his message on "Camouflage."

We are thankful for the blessing of the Lord felt in this service.

—WARREN HARRELL

"As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." If we have any word to say, any warning to utter, let us do it now. In an office of an outstanding lawyer there was written three words, "Do it now," in a beautiful frame upon his desk. He said that was his motto. Christ's Ambassadors, if we have anything to do for Christ, let's do it now!

## Missionaries Appreciate Equipment

The Bernhard Johnsons write their thanks to the young people for equipment sent to them last summer.

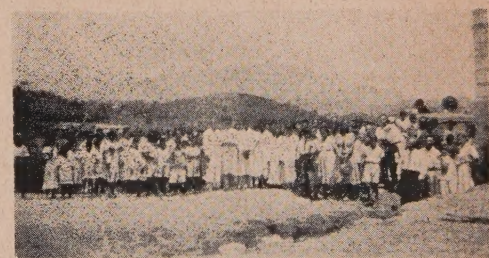
Christian greetings from Varginha, Minas, Brazil, South America.

We are writing to let you know that the work you are doing is not in vain. We believe eternity alone will reveal what your efforts have accomplished in God's great plan of salvation.

We wish you could have been with us the first time we played records over the loud speaker. It was a real thrill to us as people came to hear the gospel in song. Since July we have used this public address system throughout the large state of Minas. Over fifty towns have been evangelized in this manner. The people are able to hear distinctly for a distance of five kilometers (about three miles).

On February 22, we held a baptismal service in the country, at the foot of the largest mountain in Brazil. When we arrived at the place appointed for the service we could see nothing but a small railroad station with only two men working there. One of these men was a Pentecostal believer. He greeted us with *"A pas do Senhor,"* which means "The peace of God." He assured us that when we would begin to play music that we would soon have a congregation. The service began at one o'clock. Within fifteen minutes over three hundred people were present. Many came because they were curious to know more about this machine that made sound carry so well, and they stayed for the baptismal service.

All who attended were impressed. They had never attended such a service before. We explained that Jesus was baptized by immersion. At the close of the service many hands were raised for salvation. Our native worker reports that they now have a large congregation.



**READY FOR A BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN BRAZIL.** Note the horns of the public address system our C. A.'s sent to the Bernhard Johnsons.





L. W. SUTER  
District Sunday  
School Director

## Why BGMC?

Sunday school leaders in Italy have asked for 2,000 copies of Myer Pearlman's manuals for the Sunday school. Portuguese brethren have sent in a request for a Sunday school workers' course. If permission can be obtained from the British Minister of Finance, the Elim Fellowship of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain want to purchase some of our Sunday school literature. Hundreds of requests similar to these flow through the office of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade every day. At the close of the third year of the Crusade, \$75,250 had been given by Assemblies of God Sunday school children toward supplying the Scripture and other gospel literature to needy foreign peoples. Since the first annual BGMC Day last year, the monthly offerings for this cause have nearly doubled.

For the twenty-eight month period from the inception of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade until the first BGMC Day, Sunday school BGMC offerings averaged \$1,784.15 per month. Now the monthly BGMC giving is averaging well over the \$3,000 mark. At the present time 1,451 Sunday schools are participating in the Crusade.

BGMC has been sending out backdated literature, translating portions of Scripture and gospel tracts, shipping newsprint, and writing quarterlies, VBS materials, and other literature in Spanish, Italian, and German. Up until just recently the greater share of BGMC aid has gone to South America, African, and Asiatic peoples. During 1953 the need in European countries will especially be stressed. Funds have been allocated to new French, German, English, Portuguese, and Italian fields in addition to the projects already under way.

Not only do poverty-stricken, underprivileged Pentecostal Christians in other lands need the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, but the influence of the Crusade plays an important part in the training of children to give regularly, consistently to missions. In many churches the children have been left out of the missionary program. The adults have supported one or more missionaries on the field; the young people

have had their C. A. "Speed the Light" projects. Yet the children, upon whom the whole future of missionary work depends, sometimes have had no definite part in missionary giving. If your Sunday school is not already a member of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, write to the Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and ask for a membership application blank. You will be sent free of charge small wooden barrel banks for all of the children in your school twelve years old and younger. Once a month on the designated Sunday, each pupil will return his barrel in which he has placed his pennies, dimes, and quarters.

For the future of missions and the future of your children, join the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade now. *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*—Matthew 25:40.

Help your Sunday school be an active, consistent supporter to missions through BGMC. Send the Word around the world through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

**DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING AT THE S. S. CONVENTION IN FRESNO?** A Bible bearing the name Jean Lawrence and a pair of lady's green gloves size 6½ were left at the registration stand. To retrieve them, write R. C. Davis, Box 465, Caruthers, Calif.

### Do You Want a VBS?

Several of the students of Glad Tidings Bible Institute are preparing for vacation Bible school work this summer. Your District director is conducting special classes for them this semester to train them for this service.

Beginning the first of June, these trained workers will be available for service in any of our churches. They will be going to home missions churches as well as to the larger churches.

If you would like to have one of the teams to conduct a VBS in your church, you should contact Brother Suter.

## Win, Teach, and Train

Churches Anticipating June —  
VBS Month

In almost every community of this nation, a vacation Bible school will be the center of interest and activity during the coming month of June. Churches are planning, teachers are preparing, and pupils are anxiously awaiting for all of the activities that the VBS will bring with it. In many churches of this denomination, games, stories, songs, handwork and numerous other character-building wonders will attract and bless many young lives during two weeks of this special endeavor.

June has been selected as the ideal month to conduct a vacation Bible school. Churches are being urged to conduct a VBS during June — VBS Month. The slogan that is being sounded from coast to coast is "Win, Teach, and Train Through VBS." This slogan is the result of experience in many churches, as they have seen the effectiveness of this ministry. Each year, Assemblies of God churches are realizing to an even greater extent, the necessity of giving extra time and emphasis to children's work. The multitudes of children that are being reached and helped by VBS is making it a choice avenue of child evangelism.

The materials that are being recommended for use this year dwell around the all-school theme "Our Place in God's World." These are the same materials which were used so successfully in 1949. This year, however, the materials have been revised and new covers have been given to the Teacher's Manuals and the Pupil's Workbooks. The materials have been praised by many school supervisors and teachers. Some of the comments have been concerning the completeness and yet the conciseness of the materials. Others have spoken of the simplicity of the instructions and how easy to follow they were. These materials are correlated with all of the activities of the school to help children find their place in God's world. More information about these materials and complimentary helps may be obtained by writing to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Vacation Bible school pays dividends. The reward of winning, teaching, and training boys and girls is the greatest return. But also VBS is a rewarder to the church. It is a church-building miracle and the Sunday school will feel the impact from the school in an attendance boost. June is VBS Month! Win, teach, and train during the month with a vacation Bible school.





**O. SAVELL VISITED BETHANY PARK** early in March. An assistant general superintendent, Brother Savell was shown the school and campground by Pastor L. Rogers (right) of Stockton.

### Personal Mention

Evangelist **ERLING SAXELID** held a campaign in March for Pastor **EARL DAVIS** in El Dorado, Arkansas. Other Saxelid was chosen pastor when Brother Davis resigned to return to angelistic work, coming to Northern California first.

March 29 brought to a close three weeks of revival meetings. Evangelist and Mrs. **T. B. DON CARLOS** held for Pastor **D. N. Asbury, Jr.**, of Clearwater, Florida.

Evangelist **H. T. LANGLEY** held a campaign in the Assembly church on Knoll Avenue, Pasadena, March 30 to April 5.

Brother Calvin Zeissler has received approval for appointment as a missionary to the Philippine Islands. He is now making plans to get to the field, if possible, to leave in July. He is now arranging to visit in the churches with a view to raising funds for support and travel expenses. Sister Zeissler also feels she has a definite call to the mission field.

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### New Arrival

Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Oliver of Eaverville welcomed their firstborn son, into their home on March 8. His name is Ronald Ray.

## Working With Men in Uniform

by Lottie Sanderson

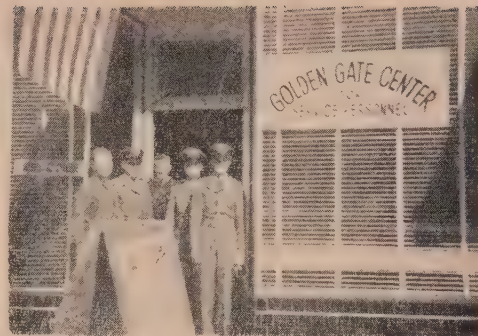
Each week thousands of service men pass through San Francisco, a favorite furlough spot for men stationed in the array of armed forces installation in the area. This is a key port of embarkation for the Korean war theatre. God, in His providence, has opened a building for us one block from Market Street and the Greyhound Bus depot. Since the dedication January 31 over 1,000 boys have passed through the center, and 100 have knelt in our chapel for prayer.

Several of the bay area churches, through their pastors and young people, entertain the service men nightly with refreshments and a program, after which the boys are invited to go up to the chapel for a word of prayer. Many decisions have been made, and some prodigals have found their way back to God.

Many a boy away from home has found the Golden Gate Center to be a haven of rest. Several boys have commented, since they have found this place, that they do not go to bars any more. They went there for lack of a place to go for fellowship.

Sgt. Dick Ellison of Covina, Calif., had just returned from Korea. As he came to San Francisco on the bus, he prayed that God would lead him to a place where he would meet some Christians. The bus driver let him off at Sixth and Market to go to the YMCA. On his way there, he passed the center. He dropped in to see what kind of a place it is, and when he found out who we are, he said that surely the Lord had led him here. That night we took a group of service men to the Oakland Auditorium, and Dick, who belonged to an Assemblies of God church in Southern California, saw many of his friends and met others also.

On our return to the center that night, a sailor boy came in, under conviction, and we prayed him through to salvation. He left his cigarettes, and made a start for God. Since then he has shipped to Japan. Our evening ended at one o'clock the next morning.



**THE NEW SERVICE CENTER** opened and operated by Brother and Sister Victor Sanderson at 94 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.



**THE SNACK BAR** at the center is a favorite spot with the guests in uniform. Lottie Sanderson is shown at left supervising the service. The boys are served coffee and cake, pie, or doughnuts without charge.



**PRAYER TIME** in the little chapel on the mezzanine, a spot apart where those who desire to do so may go for a season of prayer.



**THE SERVICE CENTER HOST**, Victor Sanderson (left, rear) with guests representing all branches of the armed forces. Brother Sanderson has had singular success, during World War II and ever since, in reaching young men in the service with the gospel.

## GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE GRADUATION EXERCISES

**Baccalaureate** — Friday, May 29, 8:00 p. m., in the new tabernacle chapel at Bethany Park. Speaker: Emil A. Balliet

**Commencement** — Saturday, May 30, 2:30 p. m., in the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. A class of twenty will graduate.



# Here and There

**ANDERSON**—Pastor Jack Wien reports: "Brother and Sister B. H. Givens were with us in a meeting in March for the best meeting the church has ever had. Several were saved and baptized in the Spirit, and our Sunday school broke the record, with 122 present. We have outgrown our present facilities, and have started construction of an auditorium. We plan on having Brother and Sister Givens back for a meeting in the new auditorium in October."

**BIOLA**—Eight were baptized in a special service Easter Sunday afternoon. The Sunday school attendance averages above 100 in recent months. The pastor is Roy F. George.

**BOONVILLE**—Writes Pastor R. J. Boyd: "We just closed a good two-weeks revival meeting with Evangelist V. L. Vaughn of Live Oak. Folks were saved and healed and encouraged in the Lord. Our new Sunday school rooms are nearly completed and are being put to good use. We averaged 85 in attendance the two weeks of the revival."

**CASTROVILLE**—On March 29, Brother H. H. Gaddis began his ministry as pastor of a full gospel church in that community. Formerly a member of this District, Brother Gaddis returns to Northern California from evangelistic work in Washington, and his membership has been received from the Southern Missouri District.

**CHOWCHILLA (Fairmead)**—Brother Milton J. Buttram has resigned as pastor of the assembly in the Fairmead area.

The new pastor is E. Louis Moon from Southern California.

**COLUSA**—Pastor Reuben Wilson, Jr. reports: "The Evangelaire (Earl and Hazel Gould, Eddie Kramer and Stephen Asmuch) held an excellent meeting here during the first two weeks of March. Many outsiders attended, and some new families were gained for the church."

**EL CERRITO**—The Davis Evangelistic Party recently held a campaign for Pastor E. Wm. Anderson.

**ESCALON**—In March, Pastor Wm. H. Reeve reported: "Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad of Jamestown, N. Y., just concluded a three-weeks revival meeting with us. Escalon old-timers say it was about the best-attended evangelistic meeting in the church's history. God gave us souls in this meeting. The final Friday night the church was packed out. It was a real thrill to see many young people consecrate their lives to God."

**FRESNO (North)**—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there March 23 with good crowds at both services. Pastor H. E. Barnard of the Alamo Assembly was the afternoon seaker. The evening speaker was Pastor Don. R. Merrill of Riverbank. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship dinner served between the services by the local church. The pastor is W. A. Frazier.

**KERMAN (Grace and Truth)**—Pastor T. E. Fourt writes: "We concluded a three-weeks revival meeting with The Evangelaire on Easter Sunday. Ten were saved and four or more were filled with

the Holy Ghost. The whole church was stirred and many of the C. A. group felt they received a call to the Lord's service. We are glad to report that the Sunday school is growing again, and a real desire to work is evident among the folks."

**KERMAN**—Sisters Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw have started a new work in the town of Kerman. The other assembly with the Kerman address is some miles from the town proper.

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**—Early in the year, Evangelist H. A. Stemme held a revival campaign for Pastor Thomas Sutt with good results. Brother Stemme reports: "A group of gamblers called the pastor up to get me on the line and proved them from the Bible 'Thou shalt not gamble.' As a result, two girls came over to the study, and about three hours later they dropped on their knees and surrendered to Jesus Christ. Both were living with companions to whom they were married, and one was a dealer in one of the leading gambling places in town and had fleeced people out of thousands of dollars. The next day she left her male companion and came out clear for Jesus Christ. Both girls have secured positions of which they are not ashamed and are going on with God." Brother Stemme will be available for meetings in Northern California in September and October. His address is 1343 W. 255th St., Harbor City, Calif.

**LOWER LAKE**—Brother George M. Queen has resigned as pastor. The new pastor is Brother W. W. Whitcomb, who comes to us from Southern California.

**MERCED**—The church recently enjoyed a revival campaign with Pastor Phil Stewart of Keyes. Lots have recently been purchased for the location of the new church building which is now being planned. The pastor is J. C. Snyder.

**MODESTO (South 99)**—Of the weekly special meetings Brother John McPherson, a licensed member of the Oklahoma District now taking studies at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, Pastor Charles Clark writes: "There was a definite move at the altar, and the morning prayer services were well attended, gaining in attendance daily. We are grateful for this week's meetings and the good that has been accomplished, as well as for the souls that were saved."

**MONTAGUE**—The Shasta section lowship meeting was held there March 29. The speakers were Pastor W. G. Wainfield of Alturas and Pastor J. A. Bennett of Red Bluff, morning and evening respectively. The pastor in Montague is Leonard Couchman.

**ORICK**—Brother Wesley Davidson left the home missions church in Weitzel to start a gospel work in Orick community some 40 miles north of Orick, on Highway 101.



**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN VALLEJO** was host to many visitors on March 29, Sunday afternoon, when the remodeled church and new Sunday school annex, the right wing of the building extending from the new tower, was dedicated in a special service. This beautiful church edifice is a credit to our District and to the city of Vallejo, as well as to the members of the congregation who gave and worked devotedly to bring the project to completion. The pastor at that time was J. L. Gerhart.



**PETALUMA**—The Full Gospel Assembly was host to the North Bay fellowship meeting on March 16. The speakers for the occasion were Brother T. A. Kessel, president of G. T. B. I., in the afternoon, and Brother R. J. Thurmond in the evening service. The pastor in Petaluma is G. Skultety.

**PITTSBURGH**—Of activities at Harbor and Santa Fe Streets, Pastor J. L. Jeffrey reports: "We had one week of revival with Evangelist Noble McGinn of Texas. The first night, four men came for salvation, and others were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Easter Sunday the church had its largest Sunday school attendance, 260. That day we began using the new classrooms. Our plans are for five more like them." Previous to these meetings, the church enjoyed a good campaign with Evangelist Lawrence Wood of Fresno.

**RICHMOND**—Early in April, Pastor C. Persing reported: "Brother Harry Leacock held two weeks of very successful children's services. Now we have Keith Ancher and Don Smith. Though it is just beginning, the revival spirit is running high."

**SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)**—Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson of Lamazoo, Michigan, began two weeks of special meetings on April 12 with Pastor L. R. Keys.

**SAN JOSE (Bethel)**—Evangelist Robert Ferro held four weeks of special meetings in March for Pastor E. O. Robeck. Originally intended as a one-week meeting, the revival was extended from week to week because the meetings were just too good to stop, there being encouraging results from night to night. On April 13, Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there. Pastor Leonard Rogers of Stockton was the speaker for the evening. Pastor L. R. Keys of San Francisco served as moderator of a discussion period in the afternoon, which preceded a fellowship dinner spread by the ladies of the local assembly.

**SANTA ROSA**—Reporting on the revival campaign Evangelist Lillian Rahner, member of the New York—New Jersey district, held in Santa Rosa March 22 to April 5, Pastor L. R. Anderson said there were unusually good results and very good crowds. There were a number of definite conversions, and new families were brought into the church. He also gave account of remarkable healings in answer to prayer.

**SANTA CRUZ (First)**—Beginning Easter Sunday, Evangelist Carolyn Lindstedt held a very good campaign for Pastor Raymond P. Murray in April.

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**—Pastor C. Curtright reports several saved and baptized in water and a number filled with the Holy Spirit during the first three



**THE NORTH VALLEJO ASSEMBLY OF GOD** dedicated its new building, at 1640 Broadway, in a special service Sunday afternoon, March 22. Pastor Roy Whitt and congregation worked long and faithfully to build this new church, adjoining the old one at the rear of the lot. It is being converted into Sunday school accommodations. Landscaping about the building will follow as soon as possible.

months of the year. He says the church was greatly helped by the Teacher's Training Course held by Brother W. C. Peirce, dean of G. T. B. I., the latter part of March. About 40, including some from a neighboring church, received certificates at the close of the special training.

**STOCKTON (Calvary)**—On March 22, Evangelist Gladys Pearson began a campaign for Pastor L. H. Rogers. Brother J. O. Savell, an Assistant General Superintendent, was guest speaker at Calvary Temple on March 8.

**STOCKTON (East Side)**—Evangelist A. A. White held a revival campaign in March for Pastor H. C. Lafferty. At the conclusion of the meetings, Brother and Sister White left for Colorado. They had plans to begin meetings in the Middle West in April.

**SUNNYVALE**—Pastor E. R. Gomes reports: We had Evangelist Hal Herman with us for four services. Five received the baptism, and several received healing in their bodies, one a young boy who had been bedfast for fifteen months because of rheumatic fever. He is now running around playing with other children.

**SUTTER**—Pastor Stella Myers reports: "During the two weeks of revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. Gaither in February, twelve were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit."

**TRANQUILLITY**—Pastor Charles H. Miller reports very good results in a recent revival campaign with a Brother Wesley of Patterson. He writes: "Our Sunday school attendance was the largest it has been in several years."

**VALLEJO (First)**—Sunday, March 29, was an occasion of rejoicing for the members of First Assembly. That morning marked the time when the new facilities were put to use with everything about

them completed. In a special afternoon service the new addition and equipment, not the least of which is the entirely new front to the auditorium, were dedicated to the service of the Lord and the furthering of the gospel cause. Brother Gaston was the main speaker. Pastor J. L. Gerhart, then preparing to leave for his new duties in the District office, presided over the day's activities. Brother and Sister Vallance Baird, home from Singapore, were the speakers for the morning service, a missionary meeting.

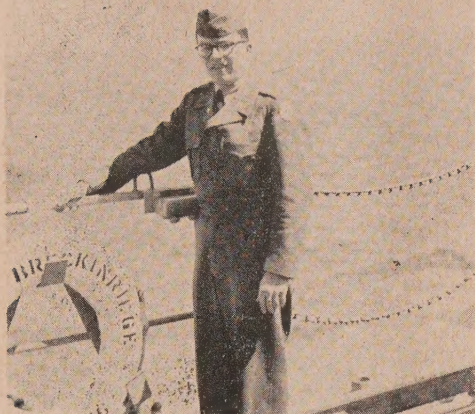
**VALLEJO (North)**—Brother Gaston was the principal speaker at the Sunday afternoon service on March 22, when the new church was dedicated to the service of the Lord. Built adjoining the old building, the new structure is the sanctuary. The old building is now being used for Sunday school facilities. Pastor Roy Whitt is the builder of this fine new church in the northern section of Vallejo.

**WATERFORD**—A report from Pastor C. J. Brown: "During the month of March, we had Evangelist Dewey L. Heath and wife from Oklahoma for two weeks of revival meetings. Six were saved and one was filled with the Spirit during these services. Mrs. Heath's work with the children was a blessing greatly appreciated."

**WEITCHPEC**—Brother Wesley Davidson has left as pastor to go to Orick in a new gospel endeavor.

**WINTERS**—Pastor Glen W. Parks writes: "We've just closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Z. P. Miller. Several were saved and some were healed, one remarkably of a tumor within two hours after prayer. The Sunday school has more than doubled since last year at this time. The church now is full to capacity during Sunday school."





**CHAPLAIN JACK CARMICHAEL** somewhere on the Pacific, heading for duty in Korea. A first lieutenant, Brother Carmichael was taken into the Air Force chaplaincy last summer and is now on his first overseas assignment, reaching his post about Easter time. Just before landing, he wrote: "Standing at the door and saying God bless you to the fellows was one of the most difficult things I've ever done. Some of their eyes were misty and unseeing. Their smiles were weak, for they were facing an unknown future. How heart-rending to know that some of them won't come back."

### Lest We Forget

An aged minister wrote recently: "Helping to pioneer our movement has made heavy demands, not only upon the physical life, but also upon all funds which have passed through our hands, so it has not been easy to provide for the days which are now upon us. However, both my dear wife and I feel that if we could, we would do it all over again."

"I think if our younger brethren in the ministry only knew what a comfort and help it is to us older men to receive some support each month from our headquarters office, they would receive great joy out of urging upon their people the need of supporting the Old Age Assistance fund which makes such help possible."

"We older ministers can no longer



*Lest we forget*

### Fellowship Meetings

#### MAY

- 4—Berkeley, Bull Creek, Westwood
- 11—Antioch, Covelo, Grass Valley
- 18—Sausalito
- 19—Alturas
- 25—Biola, Orland, Pacific Grove
- 29-30—Las Vegas

#### JUNE

- 1—Chester, Klamath, Newark
- 9—Lakeport
- 15—Fairfield, Fallon
- 16—Weed
- 22—Atwater, Durham, Watsonville (Bethel)

lead God's warrior souls to battle, but we can still pray and so we may still be of some value to our movement. Don't let the old soldiers fade away entirely. God bless our great fellowship the world around."

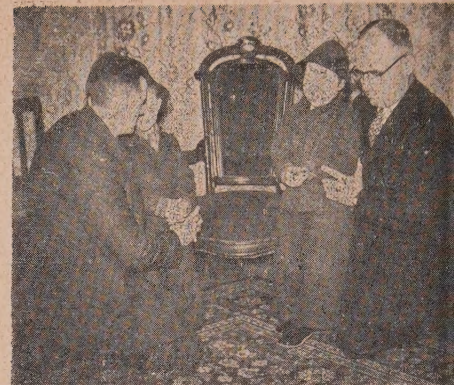
More than 250 aged ministers and their wives receive help through the Old Age Assistance fund. We trust that every church in our District will receive an offering on May 31 for the support of our aged ministers. Kindly send your offering to Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

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### Unshackle

No man is more foolish than he who thinks that freedom comes only from breaking the rules—for once he has broken them, he has started to weld the links of a chain that leads to eventual complete shackling. Violate the rules of man, and even though you are successful in keeping the jailer's chains off your wrists and ankles, you are bound forever with the chains of constant fear. Violate the rules of success, and you are bound forever with the chains of future failure.

There is no freedom save in living by the rules—the guideposts to happiness.



**BEN KUMMERFELD IN BERLIN** (right) kneeling in prayer with a man and his twins as they petition Heaven's help, wife and mother who failed to return from a dash back to the border for a suitcase of needed clothing left behind to avoid suspicion when they came across as escapees. Dispossessed of their life farm, they were fleeing from East Germany and Communism.

### Ambassadors

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tation is that of compromise. Too many try to follow the crowd and still live for God. It can't be done. In uniform you got to live an all-out testimony or you soon be living none at all. Too many are watching too close. God will strengthen you, though, if you want let your light shine.

We are serving one who is able to keep us from falling, one who knows every temptation, and will abide with us through every trial. He has made provision for us and will meet us through every trial. He has made provision for us and will meet us in time of need. "Being confident of this thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

God has saved us and sent us out on a way for a purpose, and that is not to become discouraged by the sin about us or to compromise and serve the world, but to represent Christ. There are thousands of service men living in darkness without Christ. We have a marvelous opportunity to point them to God by living a testimony here.

Let us be conscious of these things. We have a battle to fight, a victory to win, and our Christ to represent. We cannot do it in our own strength, but only through His power, through prayer, meditation, and faithful witness. Fellow Ambassadors, I challenge you again, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong."

**LOT FOR SALE** at Bethany. H. A. Sieker will sell his lot, No. 1, located on Pischah Heights Road. Anyone interested may write him at 101 Depot Street, Grass Valley.





"We Minister As Unto Christ"

## Every Woman a Missionary

Certain women Jesus had saved and healed, we read in Luke 8:2-3, followed Him, but their ministry was different from that of the twelve. They "ministered unto Him of their substance." That in essence is what the Women's Missionary Council is, a woman's ministry unto Jesus. Every woman is a missionary unto Christ.

In this organization we realize the need in our churches of exemplifying the practical side of religion to those at home and abroad. Jesus said, "*I was hungry and ye gave me meat, thirsty and ye gave me drink, naked and ye clothed me, sick in prison and ye visited me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these least of these . . . ye have done it unto me.*"

### Two Great WMC Conventions

In the month of March I attended two WMC conventions, one in Fresno, where we felt a real visitation of the Spirit of the Lord. Sister McLean from the WMC office in Springfield, Mo., was there with an enthusiastic heartfelt message. Sister May of Southern California spoke relative to the devotions we can have in our local groups, putting prayer first. She brought out the Scriptural fact of Peter's mother-in-law, who when healed by Jesus, rose to minister unto Him. We so appreciate His goodness to us that we in turn want to do all our hands find to do in ministering unto others. Sister Murray gave a very impressive message on "Organization of Girls Groups." By the way, if you would like a printed copy and packet of art patterns for teenage groups you may write her and enclose twenty-five cents. These have been very helpful to those who have used them. Sister Thurmond spoke in the afternoon of the "Practical Side of WMC Work." She gave out printed copies which further explained her inspiring message.

The other convention was in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Walton, WMC director of the Oregon District, had charge of the morning service. She presented a lovely flannel-board picture of our work, using a large heart formed by sections and the slogan "WMC's are the Heart of the Church with Missions at Heart." The heart talks were six-fold: practical work (relief, outfits, canning,



Mrs. Goldia Anderson

sewing, S.S. census, personal work, needy, sick, miscellaneous); finance (foreign, home, district, national, local); and prayer. Sister Whipple, our National Executive Secretary, spoke of the growth of our organization. We were happy to learn that to date we have 3,500 WMC groups, with 40,000 members. Everyone said a hearty Amen, for this means more missionaries will have the needed things to be able to spread the gospel. She outlined our seven-point program: 1) Every Assembly with an active WMC. 2) Every WMC member an intercessor. 3) Every member a soul winner. 4) Every missionary child to be adopted by a WMC group. 5) Every orphanage child sponsored by a WMC group. 6) Every missionary to receive a gift for birthday and Christmas. 7) Every library in our country to be provided with principal publication: *The Pentecostal Evangel*. The Washington District under the able leadership of Sister Skaggs had charge of the afternoon service. Their theme was "The Word of God Multiplied." This was of

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#### MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

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tremendous blessing to me. I hope to place some of these thoughts and ideas in print for each of the groups in our own District. I believe it will create added interest.

Being new in this position, I would like to hear from every group. It would help me in my District planning to have a description of your projects and the method by which you carry them along. It is my desire to visit as many of the sections possible, before camp meeting. This will help to become better acquainted.

The work of the WMC reaches out into every avenue of practical Christianity, and is made a great blessing to many. God grant that there shall be a WMC group in every church of the Northern California-Nevada District.

**IMPORTANT!** Don't forget to work on your displays for camp meeting. We anticipate again this year inspiring and interesting WMC meetings during camp. Come prepared and believing. God bless you all as we continue to work for the Master.

GOLDIA ANDERSON

Brother H. A. Suan, one of our Filipino brethren, for many years a member of this District, having returned to the Philippines a few years ago, has suffered a great loss at the hands of persecutors. His house and all his possessions was destroyed by fire. As well as personal need for his family, he has need of Bible and books for the school library for the new school year.

### IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

#### The Bedells . . . Pago Pago, American Samoa

Need four wool suits—new or used for two Indian boys. They are coming to the States to attend Bible School. The size: 6 feet tall and thin.

#### Brother Heetebry . . . Suva, Fiji

A hand operated cobbler's sewing machine, leather supplies and tools for mending the shoes of the children in the Suva orphanage. Please notify me if you are sending one or more of these articles.



# Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## A Billion Dollars

Sometimes we glibly mention a billion dollars, but we do not generally comprehend how much this represents. If one spent \$1,000 a day, it would take almost 3,000 years to spend \$1,000,000,000. It would take nearly 40 years for one to count to a billion. Our national debt is \$267,000,000,000.

## Liquor Tax

For every dollar the Federal, State and local governments take in taxes from liquor, they spend over five dollars to combat crime caused by liquor. Wonderful returns!

## Lights by Radio

Municipal street lighting systems are generally turned on and off either by automatic clock systems or by photo-electric controls. The new system controls all the street lights in a city by radio signals sent from a single transmitter. More fool-proof in time of emergency, the new system can turn all the street lights in the city off at once. In Sacramento, experimenting is being done with having it so arranged that the radio in a police car can be used to turn off the lights in the stores or turn them on to inspect for burglars as the car cruises down the street.

## Cause for Lung Cancer

It is reported that at a recent convention in San Francisco of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Evarts Graham, who has been called the father of modern chest surgery, told reporters that, in his opinion, excessive cigaret smoking is the cause of 99 per cent of lung cancer.

## Industrial Chapel

The workers at the Solar Aircraft Company in San Diego recently had a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of an all-faith chapel. This would be a vital addition to any and every industrial plant.

## Mathematical Marvel

Oarac, a new computer, is able to multiply a ten-figure number by itself in four one-thousandths of a second. The answer is twenty digits long. Oarac, which stands for Office of Air Research Automatic Computer, a 1400 tube machine will be used for research and development.

## Religious Figures

It is said that there are 300 million Roman Catholics, 130 million Orthodox Catholics, 200 million Protestants. One may wonder how many in these three groups could recite the simplest expression of God's plan of salvation. There are 310 million Confucianists and Taoists, 300 million Moslems, 300 million Hindus, 140 million Buddhists, 130 million Animists, 30 million Shintoists, and 12 million Jews.

## Wealth in the Sea

The Smithsonian Institute once estimated that there is \$45 trillions worth of gold alone in the sea—enough to make every man, woman and child on earth a millionaire, at current prices. The oceans of the world contain a fantastic store of mineral wealth—50 quadrillion tons, it has been estimated. This incredible store of minerals is dissolved in the water in minute particles. Engineers are now learning ways of tapping this wealth. A cubic mile of sea water contains 24,000,000,000 pounds of magnesium, 12 million tons. Some day it may be possible to mine that \$1 billion of gold and silver which is contained in every cubic mile of sea water.

## In the Largest City

New York City, this country's greatest metropolis, is today an extremely needy mission field. It has more Jews than Israel, more Catholics than Rome, and Protestants hold only third place in population rank.

## Waiting

Recently a church leader and a Korean Army chaplain called at the Bible House in Korea. Could the Bible Society make them a gift of Korean Scriptures right away. They were about to leave Pusan on special service.

They had come from an island held by Republic of Korea forces, an outpost on the west coast of Korea far above the 38th parallel. This island is used as a center for collecting refugees who have fled from the Communists. Every now and then a patrol is sent out to pick up refugees from neighboring islands or from secret places along the coast. Naturally such activities are not publicized, so that we hear much of the activities of Red guerillas, but little of the work of Republic of Korea forces, who are just as active.

The church leader spoke of contact men with whom the refugees get in touch and of being directed to a certain place in the middle of the night; of a patrol apparently made up of Communist soldiers but actually Republic of Korea men in Red Army uniforms. He told how he fell in behind the patrol, after they had examined him, and of his surprise at finding that he was only one of fifty others with the same experience he had had.

They got to a collapsible boat which took them to an island where he found a small community of three hundred refugee Christians. Mostly these persons were just awaiting events—living from day to day. The same man who asked for the books, organized them into Bible classes and a Sunday school and held services; but they had no Scriptures or hymbooks, except one man; and his book was almost illegible, for he had tied it around his waist when he swam from island to island, thus making his way to his present place of waiting.

Of course the Bible Society could and did supply Korean Scriptures—340 Testaments and 600 Gospels, books that will feed the spirit and strengthen the morale of those Christian refugees waiting off the coast of North Korea for something to turn up.

## BETHANY PARK

# CAMP MEETING - JULY 2 - 19

Speakers

MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON—well-known evangelist

LELAND R. KEYS—pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, S. F.